

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

YOSHINAGA et al.

Art Unit: 2165

Application No.: Continuation Application of
08/802,273

Examiner: H. Kazimi

Filed: July 16, 2001

Atty Docket No. 107342-07002

For: PANEL DISPLAYING METHOD OF ORDER RECEIVING POS TERMINAL AND
ORDER RECEIVING POS TERMINAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

July 16, 2001

Dear Sir:

In support of a Continuation Application filed herewith, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 13-15 as follows:

-- 13. (New) The order receiving POS terminal according to claim 3, further comprising the step of, when plural sets of plural items are selected, holding the pop-up display on such display unit until after the number of the selected optional items reaches the number of optional-item lists corresponding to said predetermined value.

14. (New) The order receiving POS terminal according to claim 4, further comprising the steps of, when plural sets of plural items are selected, holding the pop-up display on such display unit until after the number of the selected optional items reaches the number of optional-item lists corresponding to said predetermined value.

15. (New) A registering method for registering a selected one of a plurality of different sets of articles, each set being a combination of at least one base item and at least one optional item different from the base item, the base item being unselectable, and

the optional item being essential to the set and not automatically selected, comprising the steps of:

displaying a touch panel formed of plurality of keys, each key corresponding to a respective one of the sets of articles;

touching a selected one of the keys corresponding to a selected set of articles thereby automatically displaying and registering the at least one base item associated with the selected set of articles and simultaneously pop-up displaying an optional touch panel onto the displayed touch panel when the set is selected, the optional touch panel is formed of a plurality of optional item keys each corresponding to one of the optional items essential in said selected set of articles;

touching a selected one of the optional item keys corresponding to a selected optional item thereby registering and displaying the selected optional item with the registered and displayed at least one base item; and

releasing the optional touch panel when the at least one optional item is registered. --

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 9, 11, and 13-15 are pending the Application. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 13-15 are added.

Prompt and courteous examination on the merits is respectfully requested. In view of the applied art cited in previous Office Actions, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the Application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone

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number listed below.

In the event additional fees are required, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 16, 1998

Dear Sir:

The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections to Figure 1 shown in red ink on the attached copy, is respectfully requested. Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections, and a formal Notice of Allowance, a bonded draftsman will be retained and the appropriate corrections will be made to the drawing of this application.

Should any fees be due with respect to this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Proposed Amended Figure 1

FIG. 1

